

Remarks

Applicant believes these amendments place the application in condition for allowance since the only remaining claims in the application, claims 18, 23, 24, and 26-42, have been indicated as allowed in the examiner's 29 October 2004 official action, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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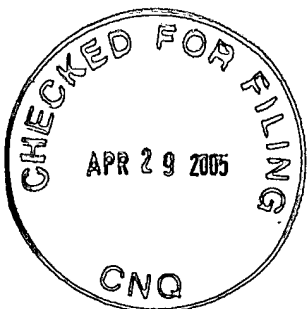
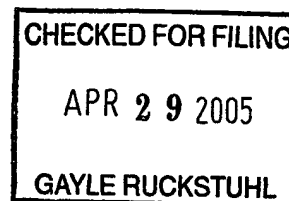
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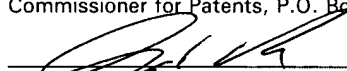
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